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All's not quiet on the Medfly front

BY MIKE CAPO
NEWS EDITOR

The war against malathion spraying is showing no sign of letting up and last week both forces brought the battleground to RSC's Santa Ana Campus.

According to Richard Barasch RSC Sociology/Anthropology instructor, his department hosted the speakers forum titled "Malathion Spraying: Safe or Unsafe," as a way to educate stu-

dents and the public on what he considers to be "a most critical issue."

"My involvement started as a result of students asking me questions about the spraying, including some health concerns," said Barasch.

The speakers forum attempted to answer some of these questions by assembling local experts to plead both sides of the issue and provide the public an outlet to voice their opinions.

There were about 125 people on hand to listen to the panel and take part in the question and answer session that followed the presentations.

Dr. Peter Green, Mayor Pro-Tem of the city of Huntington Beach and biology instructor at Golden West College, one of the most outspoken opponents to the spraying, said, "Like other citizens I was not very interested in malathion, until a non-fertile Medfly was trapped in Hunting-

ton Beach."

"As soon as it appeared likely that Huntington Beach would be in a malathion spray area, I began to search for information on Medflies, malathion and alternate pest controls," said Green.

According to Green, who the night before had his request for an injunction (to stop the spraying) denied by a federal judge in Sacramento, "there is no conclusive evidence that says low dose malathion spraying is safe."

Not everyone on the panel is sure there is danger in the spraying and according to Dr. Thomas Prendergast, County of Orange Chief Health Officer "there is no direct way to get significant concentration (of malathion) by normal acts, such as eating, drinking and breathing."

Green and others on the panel want Gov. George Deukmejian to halt the spraying until further tests can be done to prove there is no harm or look into alternatives.

Fouled fowl



DOIN' THE BIRD- Volunteers prepare an oil-soaked pelican for cleanup at Newport Beach.

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Photo by Matt Myers

No matter what it's called, flu is strain on everyone

BY SHARYNN BASS
STAFF WRITER

Asian flu. Hong Kong flu. Philippine flu. Taiwan flu. Every few years, it seems, a new flu comes along.

When you're suffering through the symptoms, you don't care where the virus came from. You just wish it would go back. But once health returns and curiosity kicks in, you may wonder: why do so many new strains of influenza seem to rise in the East?

There is no clear-cut answer to this question. Yet there are several theories put forth by experts.

One scientific team hypothesizes that certain farming practices prevalent in China and Southeast Asia may be to blame for the seemingly endless evolution of viral strains, and the fact that so many are associated with that part of the world. German virologist Christoph Scholtissek and British zoologist Ernest Naylor have argued that integrated farming, which involves raising fowl, pigs and fish together in one operation, encourages viruses from different species to commingle and mutate into new strains that are then passed on to humans.

Integrated farming is economically efficient; excess food and waste from one species become

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Education, business join hands to provide career beginnings

BY AMY BURKE
STAFF WRITER

High school students who are "falling through the cracks" receive invaluable advice, skills and encouragement needed to help them graduate and make productive future plans from Career Beginnings, an innovative program at RSC.

This program was designed to assist economically disadvantaged and "at-risk" high school students and to create a "partnership between education and the business community."

Each year 100 high school seniors from six schools in the Santa Ana and Garden Grove school districts receive assistance in finding

summer jobs, as well as help from RSC counselors and mentors from the business community.

The college received special funds from the Gannett Foundation and the Commonwealth Fund to establish this national program, managed by Brandeis University, on campus.

So far, the program has proven successful as results from the initial three years of the program indicate: about 90 percent of participants completed the program, nearly 85 percent went on to college, about 45 percent enrolled at RSC and about 20 percent chose full-time work, military or technical training.

Already this year, eight career



WHEN I GROW UP- Students discuss their future with Carrer Beginnings mentors.

Photo By Graham Schildmeyer
school," stated Cindy Sorensen, project coordinator.

The program is comprised of four main components: summer jobs and enrichment classes,

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beginners have been accepted at four Southern California universities.

Thiy Che, a Santa Ana High School senior, has received an acceptance letter from UCI.

"I want to major in chemistry

and go into medicine," said Che. "I like it [Career Beginnings] because you can learn a lot ... about different careers."

"The students learn a lot that they didn't realize about college and their choices for after high

The deadline to apply for Cal Grants for the 1990-91 school year is March 2.

There is no deadline for application to the federally funded programs, but funds are limited to those funds allocated for the year.

"It is important that students apply early," stressed Daniel Rubalcava, Financial Aid Director. He added "Although loans are available, students should take them only if they are needed."

Financial Aid workshops are being offered through the end of February by the Financial Aid Office in an effort to assist in completing the 1990-91 SAAC and to answer related questions.

An inventive program, the Board of Governors Grant, offered by the California Community Colleges, pays for enrollment fees for all eligible applicants. Repayment is not required and BOGG is not tied to any financial aid program, requires the completion of a simple application, and it can be processed quickly. Only one application is required for the entire year.

Financial aid: here for those who need it

BY PATTI LEE
STAFF WRITER

Quality education can be affordable and assistance is available through the Financial Aid Department for those that have the desire and the financial need.

Rancho Santiago College's Financial Aid Department has programs available that are federally and state funded and can help pay for all or part of the cost of education, which can include room and board, transportation, books, and fees.

Applications are available after January 1 of each year for the following fall and spring semesters. The Student Aid Application for California must be completed whether you apply for Cal Grants which are state funded, or any of the federally funded programs.

All programs except the supplemental grant requires the student have a financial need.

The SAAC provides vital information used to determine eligibility. The need for financial assistance is based on family size, income and current assets of the applicant.

Funds are limited for federally funded programs which include work study, supplemental grants, Perkins loans and Pell grants.

Work study provides work on campus where students can earn money to pay for school. Grants do not require repayment and loans received are repaid with interest once the student graduates or completes the courses. Interest rates vary from 5% to 8%, far below the rates of conventional loans.

Administrators' salaries were approved illegally, critics charge

■ Raises given to 28 top CSU administrators questioned by media.

CPS

In the second controversy over campus administrators' salaries in as many weeks, a news media coalition charged Jan. 22, that raises given to 28 top California State University administrators were approved illegally.

CSU's Board of Trustees violated open meetings laws when they raised Chancellor Ann Reynolds' salary 43 percent to \$195,000, and gave 21-to-28 percent hikes to 27 other administrators, the California First Amendment

Coalition charged in a letter to the board made public Jan. 25.

Two weeks earlier, a Pennsylvania court ruled that Pennsylvania State University students couldn't force the school to reveal administrators' salaries because PSU, while state-owned, is not a state agency.

Consequently, PSU isn't subject to state open records laws, the Commonwealth Court said.

In California, 'sunshine laws' require that public officials' salaries be discussed in public, said the coalition, which represents various print and broadcast media associations.

Cal State officials declined comment.

"The faculty are furious," said Pat Nichelson of the California Faculty Association (CFA), the union for 20,000 CSU faculty members. He said no one was told about the raises before or after the trustees raised Reynolds' salary in the closed Nov. 1, 1989, meeting.

At the same time, Nichelson added, faculty raises have been minute. In 1989, the CSU faculty got a 2.4 percent raise for the year.

Nichelson, himself a trustee at Santa Monica Community College, said he's 'amazed' at the CSU trustees. "If we acted the way these trustees did, we'd be impeached."

Elsewhere, a late-January survey by the Topeka Capital-Journal of college presidents in Kansas revealed a huge salary gap between heads of private institutions and their better-paid counterparts at public universities.

Presidential salaries at private four-year colleges ranged from \$89,406 paid at Friends University down to the \$33,500 paid to the president of Friends Bible College in Haviland.

Earnings for heads of Kansas' four-year public universities range from the \$124,500 paid to University of Kansas Chancellor Gene Budig to the \$82,000 paid to Edward Hammond, the president of Fort Hays State University.

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mentoring, counseling and activities.

The first step for the students is finding a summer job. Career Beginnings works closely with RSC, the school districts, Santa Ana's Summer Youth Program and program mentors in order to help students find a job. Rancho Santiago College usually employs five or six students each summer.

In addition to the summer jobs, participants attend six classes, taught by college instructors, every Friday for six weeks at RSC. These classes focus on career

decisions, job hunting skills and college admissions procedures.

Students also become familiarized with the college campus and hopefully lose some of their fears of college.

"It makes community college a good option ... it's real appropriate for these students," said Cindy Sorensen, project coordinator.

In the fall of their senior year, each student is matched with a mentor from the community. This is a real important component of the program, according to Sorensen.

Mentors are expected to contact

their students regularly, attend workshops with them, make sure students are "on target" for college and financial aid plans and take them to their work place.

It isn't necessary that mentor and mentee share the same career interest, but that the student feels someone care about him.

Justo Morales, a mentor and claim representative at State Farm Insurance, said that while his immigrant parents only completed second and third grade, he received a masters degree.

"I just want to inform these kids of their options," Morales said. "The minority community is deprived of many learning opportunities ... they need an education to enter into functional

society and get good jobs."

Along with the mentoring, students also receive counseling throughout the year. Six part-time counselors from RSC work with the students, checking up on their progress in school and answering any questions that arise.

Career Beginnings also plans many activities throughout the year. Students and mentors look forward to a softball game and barbecue and a trip to Magic Mountain in March.

Once a month students can learn about certain careers and practical skills at "Topics and Pizza," held at RSC. Half of the program focuses on a specific career field with guest speakers; the other half is devoted to teaching students a

practical skill.

February's topics centered on careers in the media and filling out tax returns.

The two guest speakers, Scott Fagerstrom, copy and wire editor at The Register and Maria Rubalcava, programming director of Kbeunavision, Orange County's first cable Spanish channel, informed students about various career options in the mass media.

Both urged students to find a specialty, such as a foreign language or any specific subject, that would give them an edge in any job market.

"It's specialization that counts," said Fagerstrom.

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nourishment for another. In Thailand, for instance, hen cages are built over pigpens, which are situated above fishponds. Pigs ingest hen droppings, and fish feed on runoff from the pigpens. Waste products from each animal filter down and provide sustenance for the next.

This arrangement encourages the intermingling of viral strains from fowl, pigs, fish and humans, according to Scholtissek and Naylor. New strains, for which the human body has not yet developed immunity, result. Experts say, for instance, that the viruses associated with the 1968 Hong Kong flu epidemic originated with ducks, and have been found in pigs. Scholtissek says that pigs are the "mixing vessel" in which genetic reshuffling of viruses takes place.

This theory has not gained acceptance among all members of the scientific community.

Dr. Gerald Wagner, Director of the immunization program for the Orange County Depart-

ment of Public Health, is one medical professional who is not entirely convinced that flu viruses really do originate in Asia. He suggests a different reason for why new strains are so often associated with Asian countries.

"Flu viruses are named for the place where they were first found, not for the place where they originated," he said. The "vigor of the sentinel network" set up throughout the world by the World Health Organization may be responsible for the fact that viruses are often first discovered in developing countries, many of which are Asian, said Wagner.

Dr. Rajiv Parikh, a resident physician at the University of California Irvine Medical Center, suggested that climactic conditions, high population densities and poor nutrition may contribute to the rapid spread of diseases in Asian countries. Viruses are first detected among those populations because there are more cases than elsewhere, said Parikh.

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Editorials

Oil spill shows need for environmental protection

Huntington Beach is still nursing its wounds after a British Petroleum tanker dumped 349,000 gallons of oil into the Pacific Ocean Feb. 7. Beaches, birds and other wildlife were contaminated and suffered from California's worst oil spill in 21 years.

To the voting public, this catastrophe reinforced the importance of environmental issues in California's next gubernatorial race.

Senator Pete Wilson, California Attorney General John Van de Kamp and former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein have all jumped on the environmental bandwagon in their quest for the governor's chair.

At the center of the maelstrom is California's proposed Environmental Protection Act of 1990, which will be placed before the voters this November.

This act, if passed in November, would eradicate pesticides identified as 'known or probable carcinogens' by the federal EPA. Also, toxic dumping into coastal waters would be banned and a \$500 million oil-spill emergency fund would be authorized.

By the year 2005, this proposal would reduce emissions of 'greenhouse gases' by 20 percent and phase out the use of chlorofluorocarbons if voters approve.

Finally, the cleanup initiative would create an elective office, that of 'environmental advocate' in order to regulate compliance.

As the recent oil spill illustrates, California is in dire need of an ambitious environmental package such as this.

Indian mother fights for right to choose parents

In a victory for human rights, an Orange County Superior Court judge ruled that the Aleut Indian tribe could not intervene in the adoption of an 8-month-old girl, whose mother is a former member of the tribe.

Jodi Argleben, who was taken from the Alaskan tribe as a child, wanted her daughter to be adopted by a non-Indian family. Using the Indian Child Welfare Act as their argument, the tribe wanted custody of Argleben's daughter. The tribal leaders claimed that the child deserved a life among her people and her heritage.

The judge ruled that Argleben, who had voluntarily put her baby up for adoption, had the right to choose who the adoptive parents could be. The Indian Child Welfare Act can only be used when the parent is abusing or neglecting their child, the judge stated.

Argleben should have the most important voice in the decision over who should adopt her baby. She felt no close familial ties with the Aleut tribe. The fact that she conceived and gave birth to her daughter is enough reason to use her rights as a parent to decide who should raise her child.

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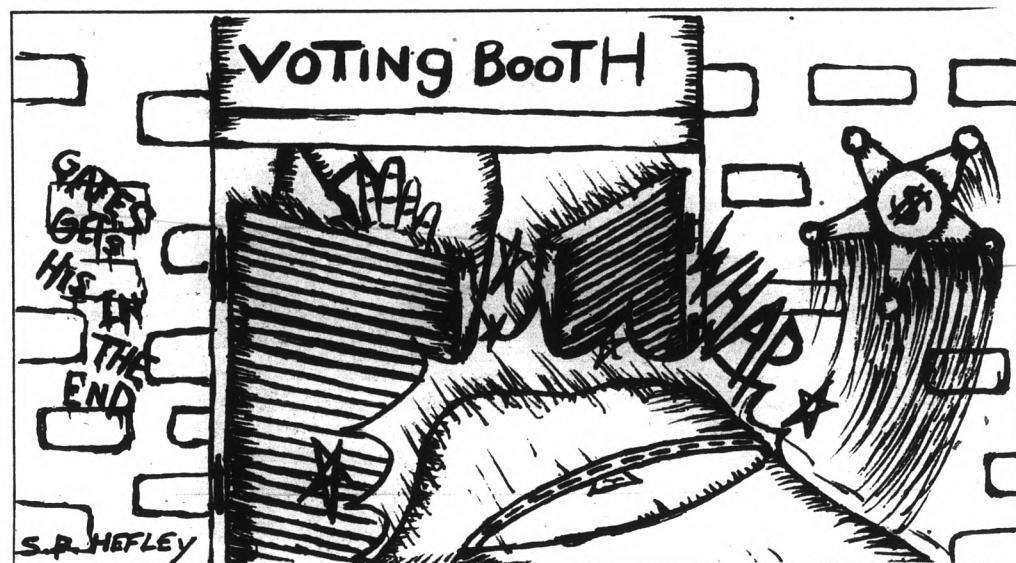
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Don't let 'Gates' hit you on the way out

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The Orange County Risk Management Division recently recommended that county supervisors drop their appeal of a ruling in a federal lawsuit brought against Sheriff Brad Gates.

The lawsuit, the culmination of ten years of legal wrangling by Gates' attorneys, calls for a quick and quiet settlement of yet another of Gates' many faux pas.

Gates, who is also county coroner, has been in court more regularly than Rusty, the bailiff on 'People's Court'. He has been accused of everything from illegal surveillance and harassment, to the violation of citizens' civil rights and maintaining 'inhuman'

conditions at the County Jail.

The sheriff has been criticized for his actions and inactions, but has done little more than maintain the status quo. Despite the influx of millions of dollars in drug forfeitures, \$820,000 in January, 1990 alone, the Sheriff's Department still faces a substantial deficit.

The department is understaffed due to what county administrators claim is a 'shortage of qualified applicants.' Little has been done to alleviate overcrowding in county correctional facilities other than the wholesale early release of prisoners.

Gates' plan of using the 213 acre Rancho del Rio, a ranch seized in a drug raid, to build a 'national training center for nar-

cotics agents,' was a blindly ambitious effort by Gates to garner publicity for his expressed intent of seeking higher office.

Perhaps the county supervisors had some premonition that there would be better uses for the money made by the proposed sale of the seized property.

The county can now use the money to pay restitution to Sheriff Gates' victims and attempt to balance his budget.

With the taxpayers picking up the \$1.128 million in previous and proposed settlements, half of which will be paid to Gates' defense attorneys, it might be time to show Mr. Gates the gate when he runs for public office next time. It just might hit him on his way out.

Letters

Dear Editor,

Having dabbled in the communications/media business during much of my life, I could not resist responding to the controversy over the Lariat Newspaper article at Saddleback College. El Don saw fit to respond to the controversy. I agree it is a free speech issue, not to be taken lightly. It was an opinion article with hard commentary accompanied by a graphic cartoon. It mixes religion with politics and that alone stirs controversy. How many conflicts in the world past and present have their roots in religion and politics. In this local issue, it cannot be labeled "racist." Judaism is a religion, not a race, as View-

point Editor Timothy Selvidge tried to portray. Israel is a nation with strong influence from the Jewish faith. Israel has joined the nuclear arms race, and criticism of that nation's political weapons should not be labeled anti-Semitic.

If editorial writer Michael Boren of the Lariat is guilty of anything, it is the same illness that infects all society and the mass media...trying to get a point across. The distractions that bombard us and cloud our brains with media massage is overwhelming. And the cartoon, depicting a Jewish Hanukkah Menorah with its traditional candles replaced by nuclear warheads and a caption "We Wish You a Happy

Holocaust," caught people's attention. It got through all those distractions, the same distractions that numb human and intellectual understanding, and prevent students from learning.

Too often, they have to hit them over the head to get their attention.

Don't be distracted by the criticism. Learn from it.

Don't be afraid to discuss it. Encourage it.

It's part of education. Freedom of expression gets to the truth.

To get to the truth in this issue takes a little educating.

Stewart Case

Label warnings: a sticky situation over lyric censorship

BY GREGORY CREEL

Update from the censorship front.

There's a growing nationwide movement fueled by small, influential special interest groups with the intention of slapping warning stickers on rock albums containing lyrics that offend them. (I'll just use the word 'album' from now on for all CDs, cassettes and albums for convenience).

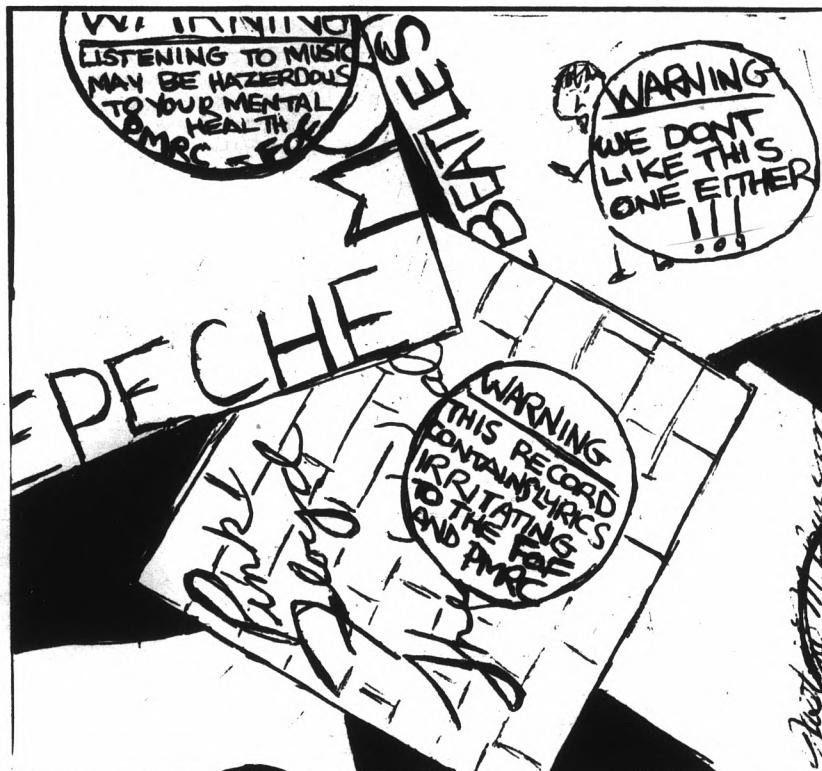
The Feb. 11 issue of the Los Angeles Times Calendar section discussed this topic. Last year, a bill was introduced in Missouri requiring mandatory labeling of all albums with potentially offensive lyrics. It failed.

A similar bill has been introduced in Pennsylvania. It was passed by their House of Representatives Dec. 13 and is now before the State Senate.

If it passes, a large fluorescent yellow sticker will have to be placed on all albums containing lyrics describing or advocating "suicide, incest, bestiality, sadomasochism, rape, involuntary deviant sexual intercourse, murder, ethnic intimidation and/or use of illegal drugs or alcohol," according to the proposed bill.

Following suit are seven other states who have modeled proposals similar to the one that failed in Missouri; Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Oklahoma and New Mexico will introduce their versions in their 1990 or 1991 state legislative sessions.

The largest nationwide group behind all this is the Parents Music Recourse Center in Washington DC with Tipper Gore at the forefront. Gore, wife of Tennessee



Congressman Albert Gore, and her collection of right-wingers and Christian fundamentalists want nothing less than to use her blackballing techniques in driving merchants out of business who don't pull questionable albums from their racks.

The PMRC hides behind the guise of America's eyes, with God on their side. Well, true Christians don't invade others' privacy, and know they'll be judged the way they judge; those people aren't Christians. They're hypocrites and an embarrassment to true Christians.

Here in Southern California, a group of concerned moral crusaders called Focus on the Family is lobbying local city councils regarding "restricting entertainment that encourages drug use, sexual promiscuity, suicide and murder," according to a FOF spokesperson.

And they are the ones who will be running this whole project. They're the 'experts' who will deem what is and what isn't healthy.

They have been blessed with the power of clairvoyance to weed out the 'safe'

music from the 'dangerous' music. I guess one man's clairvoyance is another man's ignorance.

Focus on the Family wants to stop the numerous suicides linked with rock. (Did you know some kid blew his brains out when he was listening to Ozzy Osbourne? The music put him in a trance and Satan, through the music, ordered him to kill himself.)

Now, if these people are so hell-bent (oops, can't say that) intent on purifying the music industry how far do they intend to go?

Sure, they'll go after rap, heavy metal, punk and other forms of 'porn rock' until they're satisfied that all poisonous elements are out of harm's way.

Will it stop there? Will groups like the PMRC and FOF be satisfied simply with labeling? Hell (oops) heck no. They have a mission; these crusaders will go for an all-out holy war against the music they're so obsessed with. They'll go for a sweeping ban, passing laws like 'distributing harmful matter to minors' or some other ridiculous name for censorship.

What will result?

Gradual censorship will disgust the fans. They will protest but be ignored. The protests will become irrational and violent to their own demise, "See," the censors will say, "that's what rock does, it makes people violent. Praise the Lord we got them before it was too late."

This behavior must be stopped.

Don't buy Coors beer or 7-up, and tell them why: they dump lots of money into the PMRC's treasure chest. Stay informed. Censorship has many deceiving disguises.

COLUMN

Mandela is free, blacks aren't

BY TANIA TRATENSEK

After being held captive for 27 years, Nelson Mandela walked out of a South African jail as a free man.

With the release of Mandela, all of the African National Congress leaders who were arrested in the early 1960s are now free.

We cannot become too excited about his release, however. While the event marks the end of an era, it by no means indicates an end to the insanity.

In a sense, Mandela walked out of one prison and into another. The policies and practices of apartheid, the opposition of which landed Mandela in prison, are still so prevalent in South African society.

At the moment that Mandela

was set free, the crowds awaiting him at Cape Town experienced police tear gas and birdshot, as a melee unfolded on the streets.

South African news broadcasts gave more coverage to the incidents of looting by blacks than they gave to Mandela's release.

His release, though it is a small step in the right direction, cannot be taken as anything more than what it actually is. It is merely a shallow gesture by the South African government; an appeasement tactic aimed at putting off the inevitable.

"While the event marks the end of an era, it by no means indicates an end to the insanity."

Although Bush has decided to all but ignore Mandela's release, there is already talk of lifting certain sanctions which were previously imposed upon the South African government in protest to apartheid.



Lifting such sanctions would show not only an approval of Mandela's release, but also imply that we approve of the overall state of things in South Africa.

As in most cases where an entire

people is oppressed by another, a violent uprising may be the only answer for those who are oppressed.

Mandela, as a free man and reaffirmed leader, may now be able to provide that answer.

Rancho Santiago College SPORTS

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*"It's always
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they're good
players."*

-Dale Ruhe
Sports Information Director

Basketball

Orange Empire Conference-Final

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1. Cypress	12	0
2. Rancho Santiago	10	2
3. Golden West	8	4
4. Riverside	5	7
5. Orange Coast	3	9
6. Fullerton	2	10
7. Saddleback	2	10

Dons slammin' and jammin' into the playoffs

RSC ends regular season second in OEC; enter playoffs as No. 3 seed

BY MIKE STONE
STAFF WRITER

The good news. RSC (27-3, 10-2) is the number three seed in the community college basketball playoffs and receives a first-round bye.

The bad news, part one. Cypress (27-3, 12-0) is the number two seed, which they earned by defeating the Dons 68-64, Feb. 17, to capture the Orange Empire Conference championship.

Five teams from the OEC advanced to the 24-team southern playoff grouping: Golden West, Riverside, Orange Coast, Cypress and RSC.

Rancho, in bracket three, plays the winner of L.A. Harbor (22-12) and College of the Desert (16-13) at home on Feb. 28. Other teams in RSC's bracket are Citrus (15-17), Glendale (22-11) and Cerritos (22-10). The Dons have defeated College of the Desert twice, in the RSC Tipoff Tournament (104-65) and in the championship game of the College of the Desert Tournament (78-74). RSC has also downed Cerritos (78-76) in a nonconference game earlier this season.

Cypress, in bracket two, also receives a first-round bye and plays the winner of the Mt. San Jacinto (20-10) and Oxnard (16-14) game.

Riverside (16-15), in bracket one, visits Long Beach (15-15). Golden West (21-10) and Orange Coast (14-13) are in



SHOOTING FOR STATE-ALL-OEC first teamers Gene Altamirano (left) and Matt Lien (right).

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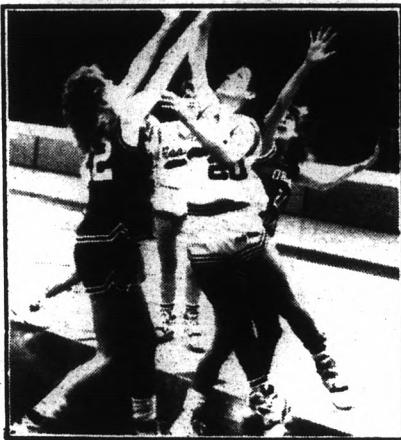
bracket four; the Rustlers host Pasadena (14-16), while the Pirates travel to Moorpark (21-10). All three teams play Feb. 24.

The bad news, part two. Rancho's

bench is getting thinner. The Dons lost reserve Jevon Hunter in their win over Fullerton, when he sprained his neck leaping for a rebound.

Starting freshman guard Vern

Broadaux lost two teeth to the Orange Coast College gym floor, then received stitches over his right eye when he collided with the Chargers' Brian Kenney in the Dons loss to Cypress.



Carolyn Burns, First Team All OEC

All Orange Empire Conference Selections

BY GREGORY CREEL
SPORTS EDITOR

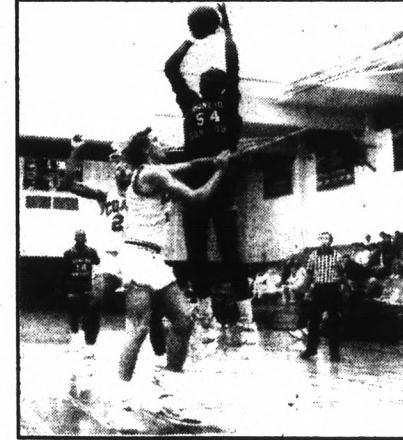
The All-Orange Empire Conference Basketball selections have been named and the list contains four Dons on the first team and an honorable mention.

Named to the mens team were forward Corrie Blount (238 rebounds, 8.2 per game, fourth in OEC, and 395 points, 13.6 per game), center Matt Lien (535 points, 17.8 per game, fourth in OEC) and RSC all-time three point record holder shooting

Gene Altamirano (451 points, 15 per game).

"That's great," said RSC Sports Information Director Dale Ruhe after hearing the news. "It's always fantastic to have three guys on the OEC first team, they're good players."

Selected to the womens first team was center Carolyn Burns (12.5 points a game, 10.6 rebounds and a 75% free-throw average) and forward Charisse Simon's team-leading 15.9 points and 8.8 boards earned her OEC honorable mentions.



Corrie Blount, First Team All OEC

Mike Stone**From the peanut gallery**

The James Douglas-Mike Tyson battle was the best Heavyweight fight since Ali-Foreman-Frazier (pick two) used to go at it in the early '70s. I applaud Douglas for taking on the No. 1 contender, Evander Holyfield, instead of Tyson, but why is he refereeing the Hulk Hogan-Randy Savage wrestling match...

Susan Helm is getting more publicity than all the Rancho athletic teams combined. On Feb. 15, CNN interviewed Helm for their Saturday morning sports special. Then KCAL, channel 9, broadcasted an interview they had with the 36-year-old sophomore. The sports information office even received a call from "Good Morning America" about interviewing Helm, but nothing has been finalized...

Another Spring without baseball. I didn't think the Owners would be this stupid, to actually believe that pay-per-performance would be workable and the Players would buy it, but I was wrong...

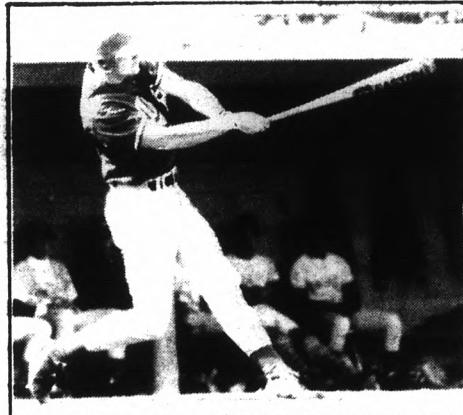
The RSC baseball team (9-2) was looking good until the Casey Stengel Tournament. One improvement over last year is the Dons balanced pitching staff. Five pitchers (Matt Lackie, Rob Nay, Paul O'Hearn, Jerry Aschoff and Jay Hassel) have already picked-up victories...

Speaking of the Stengel tourney, where the Dons were ousted in two games, the winner has gone on to win the State title four of the last five years. Cerritos ('85, '87, '89) and Canyons ('86) were State champions. The only non-winner was RSC (you guessed it) in '88, when the Dons lost in the title game to Sacramento City...

But it was nice to see the Dons bounce back and pummel Southwestern, 20-3. Marty Neff and Jeff White hit two home runs each. White hit both of his in the same inning (5th) and Neff leads the club with nine round-trippers...

Kenny Ammann is at it again. The former RSC and current Stanford guard is a GTE Academic All-American nominee. He currently has a 3.40 grade point average and is majoring in Psychology...

More football signings: cornerback Tony Gonzales (Kansas State), defensive end Bob Titus (Long Beach State), and tight end Danny Ford (Kent State), defensive end Ed Matemate (Sonoma State), defensive lineman Bill Masanai (Sonoma State) and James Ramsey (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo)...

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Don's OEC Opponents Preview

Baseball 1990**CYPRESS CHARGERS**

1989 OEC/ overall record:
17-7, 33-15

1990 games vs. RSC:
Thu. March 1 at Cyp.
Sat. March 17 at RSC
Tue. April 3 at Cyp.
Thu. April 26 at RSC

Series vs. RSC:
31-14, RSC



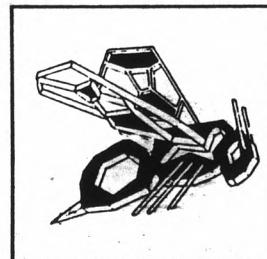
Notes: 1989 OEC coach of the year Scott Pickler will have only six returners in his sixth season at Cypress. His finesse pitchers, including Ken Tolbert (4-0), will have to keep the runs down with no power hitting support. Pluses are the defense and speed on the basepaths. Current record: 10-2.

FULLERTON HORNETS

1989 OEC/ overall record:
7-17, 33-15

1990 games vs. RSC:
Sat. March 10 at RSC
Tue. March 27 at Full.
Thu. April 19 at RSC
Sat. May 5 at Full.

Series vs. RSC:
75-43, Fullerton



Notes: 4th year coach Nick Fuscardo's starting pitchers are not overpowering, but has 90 mph. worth of relief in David Stevens. Gary Mota (.450, 5 HRs), Jim Short (.333, 3 HRs) and Jeff Mansfield (.350, 10 SBs) lead the balanced offensive attack. Current record: 8-2.

GOLDEN WEST RUSTLERS

1989 OEC/ overall record:
15-9, 24-14-1

1990 games vs. RSC:
Thu. March 8 at GWC
Sat. March 24 at RSC
Tue. April 17 at GWC
Thu. May 3 at RSC

Series vs. RSC:
29-14, RSC



Notes: Coach Bert Villareal in his second year is combining steady pitching with Josh Bammer's hitting and Steve McLower's baserunning for wins. The pitching will have to tighten up if they want to continue their success. This tough conference is capable of having as many as five teams in the Southern California top 10 and possibly, the State champions. Current record: 7-1.

ORANGE COAST PIRATES

1989 OEC/ overall record:
16-8, 29-17

1990 games vs. RSC:
Sat. March 3 at OCC
Tue. March 20 at RSC
Thu. April 5 at OCC
Sat. April 28 at RSC

Series vs. RSC:
68-58, Orange Coast



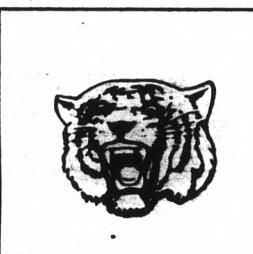
Notes: Weak bats and sloppy defense are giving first year interim coach Scott Groot all kinds of headaches. Pitchers Tommy Irwin (2-0, 2.00 ERA) and John Stuart (1-0, 2.04 ERA) will have to continue to keep the runs down to win any games. Current record: 7-5.

RIVERSIDE TIGERS

1989 OEC/ overall record:
4-19-1, 7-29-1

1990 games vs. RSC:
Tue. Feb. 27 at RSC
Thu. March 15 at Riv.
Sat. March 31 at RSC
Tue. April 24 at Riv.

Series vs. RSC:
38-15 RSC



Notes: The Tigers have already won more games than all of last year. Pitcher Ben Blomdahl (4-0) got half his early-season 34 strikeouts in one game against Santa Barbara. Pitching is allowing four runs a game and the hitters are scoring nine. Give credit to first year coach Dennis Rogers. Current record: 10-2.

SADDLEBACK GAUCHOS

1989 OEC/ overall record:
8-15-1, 16-18-1

1990 games vs. RSC:
Sat. Feb. 24 at RSC
Tue. March 13 at Sad.
Thu. March 29 at RSC
Sat. April 21 at Sad.

Series vs. RSC:
28-7, RSC



Notes: First year coach Jack Hodges has instilled confidence into the young pitchers. The crafty lefties and power throwing right-handers are improving on their shaky control. Freshmen outfielders Buster Nietzke (.350) and Jason Thompson (.365) highlight the steady defense. Current record: 5-3.

EVENTS CALENDAR**TODAY:**

Softball-at Palomar, 3:00 p.m.
Golf-Conference Tourney, noon.

TUESDAY:

Baseball-Riverside at RSC, 2:30 p.m.
Mens Tennis-Saddleback at RSC, 2:00 p.m.
Womens Tennis-at Saddleback, 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Softball-RSC at Santa Monica, 3:00 p.m.

Mens Tennis-at El Camino, 2:00 p.m.

THURSDAY:

Baseball-at Cypress, 2:30 p.m.
Mens Tennis-at Golden West, 2:00 p.m.
Womens Tennis-Golden West at RSC, 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:

Softball-at Southwestern, 3:00 p.m.
Golf-RSC vs. Cerritos, Los Serranos, noon.
Track and Field- at OCC, 2:30 p.m.

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